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SF 2216 - Core Curriculum (LSB 6127 SV)

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Description

Senate File 2216 requires the State Board of Education to establish a core curriculum that school districts must adopt prior to FY 2011 for grades nine through twelve and prior to FY 2015 for grades kindergarten through eight. The Bill requires school districts to develop an individual core curriculum plan for each student. The Department of Education is required to conduct a study of measures necessary for successful implementation of the core curriculum by school districts and accredited nonpublic schools.

Background

As required by current statute, the Department has established and many school districts have begun implementing a voluntary model core curriculum in grades nine through twelve. Senate File 2216 makes the curriculum mandatory and expands it to the earlier grades.

Assumptions

The Department of Education will coordinate a statewide network, via the Area Education Agencies (AEAs), to help school districts implement the curriculum. The network will be needed through FY 2015, the final year of implementation.

The Department has identified a need for 33.0 FTE positions at a cost \$3.3 million annually (\$98,500 per position), as well as associated travel, support, and professional development costs of \$200,000 per year. The Department has estimated the total cost of SF 2216 at \$3.5 million annually.

The Department's FY 2009 budget request for the core curriculum proposal specified in SF 2216 was \$2.6 million, as was the Governor's recommendation. The Department has indicated that they can accomplish the requirements of SF 2216 with \$2.6 million in funding.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of Senate File 2216 will be \$2.6 million annually from FY 2009 through FY 2015 for costs incurred by the Department of Education to implement a statewide support network to assist school districts in adopting the core curriculum.

Sources

Department of Education

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